

Small Group
Discussion Questions

Read the Passage and reflect on what stood out to each person in the group.

"Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'" John 3:1-8

1. Prior to the sermon, what did it mean to you to be "born again?"
2. Are "born again" people any better than those who are not "born again?"
3. What has been your experience with Christians, churches or denominations who emphasize the "born again" experience?
4. What questions or struggles have you had during your life regarding what it means to be "born again" and the signs that a person is "born again?" How have your views changed regarding the signs of and definition of being "born again?"
5. What do believe are the signs that a person is "born again" or in other words: Is an authentic follower of Jesus?
6. What is your experience with the filling of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues?

7. How is the doctrine of the new birth good news?

8. Create your own questions. What questions do you have that you'd like to pose to your small group?